

What is claimed is:

1. A storage system, comprising:  
a storage unit;  
an inner storage unit, wherein the inner storage unit is  
5 removeably positioned within the storage unit;  
a tracking device, wherein the tracking device monitors the  
presence of an item associated with the inner storage unit, monitors the  
temperature of the item and generates tracking data; and  
a processing device that reads the tracking data from the  
10 tracking device.
2. The storage system of claim 1, further comprising a data  
storage device that is electrically linked to the processing device.
3. The storage system of claim 2, wherein the tracking data is  
stored in the data storage device.
- 15 4. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the inner storage unit is  
a rack.
5. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the inner storage unit is  
a drawer storage rack.
6. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the inner storage unit is  
20 a drawer.
7. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the inner storage unit is

a shelf.

8. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the inner storage unit is a tray.

9. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the inner storage unit is  
5 a petri dish.

10. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the inner storage unit is a blood bag.

11. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the inner storage unit has a conductive portion that electrically links the tracking device to the  
10 processing device.

12. The storage system of claim 11, wherein the conductive portion is a hook.

13. The storage system of claim 11, wherein the conductive portion is a phono jack.

14. The storage system of claim 11, wherein the conductive portion is an accordion cable.

15. The storage system of claim 11, wherein the conductive portion is connector.

16. A method for manufacturing a storage unit, comprising:  
20 attaching a mechanical arm onto a surface of a storage unit; and  
coupling a first tracking device onto the mechanical arm.

17. The method according to claim 16, wherein the first tracking device is an iButton socket.
18. The method according to claim 16, wherein the mechanical arm is a restraint latch.
- 5 19. The method according to claim 16, further comprising attaching a second tracking device to a container.
20. The method according to claim 19, wherein the container is a petri dish.
21. A storage system, comprising:
- 10 A storage system, comprising:
- means for storing;
- means for tracking, wherein the tracking means monitors the presence of an item associated with the storing means, monitors the temperature of the item and generates tracking data; and
- 15 means for processing, wherein the processing means reads the tracking data from the tracking means.